

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the Abstract of the Invention, as follows:

--~~When registering electronic tickets by means of a transmitter/receiver unit located in a railway carriage, for charging purposes data is created in a remote computer system which yields a movement profile for the persons using such tickets. For the anonymous prepaid registration of tickets it is proposed that a~~ A system and method for paying for a service with an electronic ticket is provided. A shadow account ~~be-is~~ is maintained on the ticket, to which postings are made using provisional tariff units contained in transmitted information units. In ~~the~~ a remote computer system, a booking or posting is made to an account assigned to the respective ticket, using ~~definitive~~ actual tariff units contained in tariff tables. Additionally, data from the ticket can be used to generate a movement profile for the person using the ticket. When a prepayment is made or at certain points in time the ~~The~~ balance of the shadow account is periodically synchronized with the balance on the remote computer system. As a result of the fact that ~~Because~~ the value of the provisional tariff unit is greater than that of the definitive actual tariff unit and/or that a discounting scheme can be implemented on the account on the remote computer system, a safety measure of excess balance is present on the ticket account balance.--